

House in Clash Over the Ship Subsidy Bill

Democrats Predict Defeat,
While Majority Say Mea-
sure Will Be Enacted; Let-
ter of Harding Offered

Previous Waste Attacked

Mondell Asserts the Wilson
Regime Is to Blame for
Extravagance in Fleet

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Ultimate
defeat of President Harding's plan for
a new merchant marine was pre-
dicted to-day by House Democrats,
while Republicans foresaw complete
success, when the lower branch of
Congress received the Executive's let-
ter to Majority Leader Mondell con-
cerning the measure he taken to
the people of the country before it is
presented to the House for action. The
day in its consideration until after
the Senate has disposed of the tariff
bill, both definite enactment of the
subsidy bill and overwhelming rejec-
tion according to the two partisan
interpretations as voiced in the first
debate on the floor.

Representative James F. Byrnes,
Democrat of South Carolina, spokes-
man for the minority side, declared
that President Harding welcomed the
passage in the belief "he can
make a change on the part of the people
of this country that will reverse the
attitude of the members of House on
the ship subsidy question." The Pres-
ident's policies, said Representative
Byrnes, that the bill would be turned
down if considered now and added that
it is "satisfactory the President will have
done more than he has done in the
after it is to be passed."

Expressing surprise that the letter
strike so deeply or so seriously into
the peace of mind on the Democratic
side, Mr. Mondell replied it "fine,
but logical and convincing." He
entered his reply to Mr. Byrnes' speech
as an attack upon the "awful waste
and extravagance" of the preceding
administration in its handling of the
Shipping Board and emergency fleet,
which he said, caused the condition that
now confronts the country.

"We are all of us responsible for the
great fleet of merchant ships we have,
business, following our patriotic im-
pulse during the war, did what
the administration asked to have done
in the way of legislation and au-
thorization," said Mr. Mondell. "But
we are not responsible for the
awful waste and extravagance, the
perfectly indefensible condition under
which that fleet was created. And the
last you could do, in common decency,
would be to join with us on some plan
in some purpose for taking care
of the people of the United States
the fleet so built while your party
was in power. Out of the losses which
are placed upon the American people
will bring to bring a fleet that eventually
will be the finest in the world."

Children of First Wife Contest Dr. Best's Will

George Brooklyn Inventor and
Churchman Was Influenced
by His Second Mate

The will of Dr. William Newton Best,
inventor, and deacon of the Clinton
Avenue Congregational Church, Brook-
lyn, will be contested in an action to
begin to-day on behalf of the five
children of Dr. Best and his first wife.
The five children were each left \$1,000
in the will, filed on April 1. The
will contend, according to George W.
Tucker, that the testator was unduly
influenced by the present Mrs. Best.

Dr. Best accumulated a fortune esti-
mated at \$200,000 through the invention
of oil burners for furnaces in
manufacturing plants. He was known as
the "dean of the oil-burning industry."
He was prominent in social and
religious affairs of Brooklyn, and was
vice-president of the Goodwill Indus-
tries and of the Williamsburg Rescue
Mission. Both he and his wife gave
generously to many charities.

Ancestral record shows that Dr. Best
had previously married who were reared as
the West by his first wife came as a
great surprise to his Brooklyn friends,
as did the report that the second mar-
riage took place eight days after
the first wife obtained her divorce.

The two contestants of the will are
Captain William N. Best Jr., United
States Marine Corps; Washington;
M. Best and Mrs. Ruth M. An-
derson, San Francisco; Ethel M. Best,
of New York; and Ernest M. Best, a
student at Harvard.

Work Withholds Sanction
of 2d Class Mail Rate Cut

Denies Public Service of
Press, but Will Investigate
Before Acting

WASHINGTON, June 21 (By The
Associated Press).—Support of the
movement in Congress for reduction of
second class postal rates will not re-
ceive official endorsement of the Post-
office Department, it was said at the
department to-day, until a thorough
investigation has been completed and
the department is assured that such
proposed reductions will not impose
additional burdens.

Postmaster General Work conferred
with the day with Representative
Sally, Republican, Pennsylvania, au-
thor of a bill to reduce second class
mail rates. He urged support of his
measure in the interest of the press
and the public.

The Postmaster General Work confided
to the press that the great services per-
formed by the press of the nation,

Postmaster General Work said, "and I
feel that as the press is maintained
in the interest of the public, as is
the post office and every other depart-
ment of the government, that the pub-
lic should first be considered in all
matters affecting legislation."

THE TRUTH "is also found in frank confession of error"

The Tribune will be glad to receive
and publish corrections of inaccur-
acies in its columns.

The statement made in this
column on June 20, that Mr. Ramsay
R. Gillett, representative of Colgate
Co.,

Bandits Wipe Out Jews
In 4 Ukraine Towns

Women and Children Reported
Hacked to Pieces During
New Pogroms

COPENHAGEN, June 21 (By The
Associated Press).—A Berliner says
that terrible pogroms have been com-
mitted in the Ukraine. The entire
Jewish population of four towns is
reported to have been massacred.
These reports are not confirmed.

BERLIN, June 21 (Jewish Tele-
graph Agency).—The reports of a fresh
series of outbreaks against Jews by
White Russian and Ukrainian bandits
will be sifted by the Soviet govern-
ment, it was stated to-day by the Jewish
Public Committee, a semi-official
Soviet body established here.

Irish Treaty Victory Scored By De Valera

Election Result, He Says,
Is Triumph for "Imperial
Methods of Pacification,
a Kick and Caress"

54 Free Staters Win
Republicans, With Ten Dis-
tricts Missing, Elect
Only 33 Dail Members

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LONDON, June 22.—Eamon de Valera,
leader of the defeated Republican
forces in the Irish elections, declared
in Dublin to-night that the result was
a triumph for "imperial methods of
pacification." He described this policy
as "a kick and a caress, with a kick in
reserve," and said that England's gain
was merely momentary and that her
difficulties would still be faced by as
Ireland's opportunity.

De Valera declared that the published
Free State constitution was only a
draft and he felt confident that the
Dail Eireann would not pass it as it
stood. He said that the constitution
would practically exclude every honest
Republican from participation in the
government.

The overwhelming character of the
Republican defeat was made more evi-
dent to-night with the publication of the
election results in Dublin County,
where they showed a ten to one plurality
in favor of the Free State. The
Republicans, who in the last Dail
Eireann made up nearly half of the
House, will not have much more than
a quarter of the new parliament.

"Black Women's" Squad Broken

Some of the notable absences from
the new parliament will be the famous
squad of Republican "Black Women,"
(women in mourning), of whom only
two were re-elected. With the results in
ten districts still to be declared this
evening, the result stood as follows:
Free States, 55; Republicans, 33; Labor,
15; Farmers, 5; University Independents,
5; Commercial, 5.

Of the remaining ten seats, the Free
States expect to win four and the
publican, Labor and Farmers two each,
so that the present groupings will
be continued for a time. In this case
the formation of a coalition govern-
ment is seen in the Collins-De Valera
 pact, although there are elements in
both wings that are urging single
party government.

Militarists' Position Unchanged

The continuance of the Collins' Cab-
inet is favored in some quarters, as
all the members have been re-elected
and some of the military elements, op-
posed to the treaty, are also against
a republican coalition with the min-
isters who agreed to the amendments to
the constitution in London last
week. For example, Liam Mellows,
who was defeated at Galway, made a
speech at a Wolfe Tone demonstration
yesterday, declaring his uncompromising
support of the Irish Republic,
in spite of his defeat or anything else.
Other militarists are known to share
his views.

The Tribune correspondent learns
that de Valera and other anti-treaty
chiefs intend to stay by the pact with
Collins, partly for the maintenance of
order, side-tracking the constitution
question until it arises in due course
after the adult suffrage measure and
other matters not subject to contro-
versy have been settled.

Denies \$960 Yearly
Cost for Taxicab Bond

American Surety Official Says
Prices Under New Law Are
From \$60 to \$300

Richard Denning, vice-president of
the American Surety Company, denied
yesterday that \$960 a year was the
necessary expense incurred by a taxi-
cab driver if he is to conform to the
new bonding law.

The driver and the public, he said,
would be offered protection when the
law went into effect on July 1, by a
surety bond costing from \$60 to \$300
a year, depending upon the collateral
available.

Mr. Denning pointed out that the in-
dividual taxicab driver who could offer
a collateral deposit of \$2,500 would
pay an annual premium of \$60, and
that the man who had no collateral
would pay \$300 a month in premiums,
although he would be obliged to de-
posit \$20 a month additional, which
would be held as collateral and would
continually reduce the amount of his
premium. Special rates have been
made up to him, for companies oper-
ating fleets of taxicabs and for asso-
ciations, which reduce the premiums
even more. Where \$125 is deposited
for twenty taxicabs, the rate
is \$20 a year for each car. For such
a fleet the total collateral would be
\$2,500, necessitating only a small a
deposit for each cab.

Gillett Entertains Philippine
Commission at Luncheon

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The Philip-
pine commission, which came to Wash-
ington to urge independence of the
country, was received to-day by the
House and entertained at luncheon by
Speaker Gillett.

In introducing the members, who oc-
cupied the Speaker's gallery, Chairman
Towner of the Insular Affairs Commit-
tee, referred to the reason which
prompted their visit, and expressed
gratification over the utmost good feel-
ing which long has prevailed between
the Philippines and the people of the
United States.

The petition presented to the Presi-
dent was put into the Presi-

Ladd, in Fiery Bonus Plea, Hits At Big Bankers

N. D. Senator Calls U. S. Fail-
ure to Force "War Prof-
iteers" to Aid Veterans
"Greatest Crime of Age"

Blamed for Opposition

Declares Financiers Are Wor-
ried Lest Actual Cash Be
Divided Among Public

ATLANTIC CITY, June 21.—If forty guests at a hotel here
make good their declared intentions,
the Boardwalk will be treated to-morrow to a parade of
men and women going to the
beach-in barrels.

Incensed at the order of the
city authorities that mackintoshes
must be worn over bathing
suits in the streets, the guests
have promised to substitute
barrels.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 21.—An amendment
to the tariff bill was offered to-day by Senator
Frelinghuysen, Republican, New Jersey, proposing to set up
the machinery looking to the enact-
ment hereafter of a "scientific tariff."

Under the terms of the amendment,
which is understood to have some sup-
port on both sides of the chamber,
the Tariff Commission would be in-
creased to ten members, appointed by
the President for life, and would be
authorized to investigate the difference
in conversion costs in the United States
and abroad and to recommend tariff
rates sufficient to cover the cost
of production, which would receive
salaries of \$12,000 each and would be
empowered to employ necessary expert
assistance. The amendment proposed
an appropriation of \$100,000 to cover
conversion costs, and it would re-
quire the commission to recommend new
tariff rates by December 1, 1923, and
every six months thereafter in
such cases as it found that the rates
in force were higher or lower than
those in force at the time of the
amendment.

Explains Reform Need

Explaining his amendment, Senator
Frelinghuysen declared the present
tariff-making system was both "illogical
and unscientific." Describing that
system as "a compilation of the state-
ments of manufacturers, importers,
merchants and farmers, and of incon-
clusive data collected by government
agents, which is understood to have
been collected by the Volstead act.
The Senator said that foreigners were
constantly struck by the flagrant manner
in which it is violated.

EVEN Washington, the center of
the government, Guy asserted, one can
buy all the whisky or other alcoholic
drinks one cares to drink. He said that
bootlegging was one of the most profit-
able forms of activity in the country.
All this, he insisted, was not spoken by
himself, but merely to "call attention to
the abuses of this system and to the necessity
for reform."

And this awakening should be a
warning to all of us to take the tariff
out of politics," he continued. "It has
been said cynically that the tariff can
not be taken out of politics. It is
probable that the theory of what consti-
tutes proper tariff levies always
will remain a political question, just
as it always has been a matter of dis-
pute between economists. But the
method of finding out the facts on
which tariffs rest certainly is not a
political matter."

No Apology for Present Bill

Asserting that in offering his amend-
ment he was not apologizing for the
present tariff bill, Senator Frelinghuysen
declared that to his mind that measure
was as good as could be prepared
under the circumstances and should
be passed as quickly as possible in
order to remove the anomalies the
uncertainty now exists.

The New Jersey Senator argued that
his amendment would "launder" the
tariff commission and would remove
its members from the government.

Mr. Patyn, Holland, president of the
Central Commission; M. Cattier, of
Belgium, vice-president;

Sir Philip Lloyd Graeme, Great
Britain, chairman of the Sub-Commission
on Property.

Mr. Alphonse, of France, chairman of
the Sub-Commission on Fisheries.

Baron Aszkenasy, of Italy, chairman
of the Sub-Commission on Credits.

Mr. Patyn, who was elected Presi-
dent of the Central Non-Russian Com-
mission to-day, has called a meeting of
the three sub-commissions for to-mor-
row, when some efforts may be made to
agree on what M. Van Karsberg, the
Dutch Foreign Minister, termed
"the directing principles."

Assails Alleged Bankers Control

"I can point with pardonable pride to
my own state, North Dakota. Ex-Govern-
or Frazier of that state was one of the
first—if not the first—of state ex-
ecutives to include in his message to
the Legislature a recommendation to
take care of the soldiers. To the credit
of our state let it be said that North
Dakota authorized the largest cash pay-
ment of any state in the Union, not
withstanding the unfeeling efforts of the
financial conspirators to destroy the
credit of the state.

North Dakota continues to pre-
mit these banking conditions to prevail
so that we shall be forced to tolerate inflation
and deflation as timed and adminis-
tered as to benefit the bankers, spec-
ulators and speculators at the expense of
the producers, especially the farmers,
laborers, small business men, country
bankers, until the farmers become
serfs to pass to the land.

Will you exercise the solemn duty
delegated to Congress by the people
through the Constitution and assert
some control over the currency and
credit of this country? Will you
actively consent to a continuation of
bankers control by sanction of Con-
gress?"

Hays Asks Aid of Civic Clubs
In Uplift of Motion Pictures

Will H. Hays, president of the Amer-
ican Society of Motion Picture Produc-
ers and Distributors of America, announced
yesterday that \$960 a year was the
necessary expense incurred by a taxi-
cab driver if he is to conform to the
new bonding law.

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would be offered protection when the
law went into effect on July 1, by a
surety bond costing from \$60 to \$300
a year, depending upon the collateral
available.

Mr. Hays' invitation to a confer-
ence has been accepted by the follow-
ing men and women:

Rey Board, David S. Beyer, National
Safety Council; Miss Rose, Colonial
Drama of America; Leroy E. Bowman,
National Community Center Associa-
tion; H. S. Braucher, Community Service
Inc.; Mrs. Phillip Brennan, Mrs.
Richard M. Chapman, Federation of
Women's Clubs of New York City; Rev.
F. E. Clark, United Society of Christian
Endeavor; Laurence Vail Coleman,
Safety Institute of America; Ernest L.
Crandall, Visual Instruction Association
of America; Miss H. A. Coons, Child
Welfare League of America; Henry
Fleischmann, Educational Alliance;
Charles B. Davenport, Carnegie Insti-
tution of Washington; Miss Helen
Walsh, National Board Y. W. C. A.;
Walter T. Diskin, Young Men's Chris-
tian Association.

Dr. G. Clyde Fisher, American Mu-
seum of Natural History; Henry
Frye, American Federation of Labor;
Clyde Fury, Carnegie Founda-
tion; Mrs. Coffin Van Slyck, National
Civic Federation; Mrs. Mabel T. R.
Washington, National Historical Society;
James E. West, Boy Scouts of America;
Joel Hayden, Union Theological Seminary;
Mrs. Milton P. Higgins, National
Congress of Mothers and Parent-
Teachers' Associations; Mrs. Herbert
Hoover, Girl Scouts; Jackson King, Na-

Bathers in Barrels to Defy Mackintosh Edict

Senate Offered 'Scientific Plan